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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

House of Representatives

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2003

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 8, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: God of revelation and eternal guide, when Moses found Your presence and heard Your voice, he began to ask questions. When the disciples of Jesus began their journey, they asked questions of Him and themselves.

At the beginning of this 108th Congress here in the House of Representatives, we pray especially for all the new Members. May they be so welcomed that, with solid reflection and Your grace, they ask the right questions. May the freshness of their presence and the richness of their past experience bring to bear a new understanding of government and the freedom to search for deeper truth. As they learn the workings of Congress, may their questions find attentive listeners and never lead to embarrassment but only to new

perspectives and creative methods to accomplish the work of the people's House.

May this time of adjustment for their families be fruitful and surrounded with joy and peace because of Your presence to them now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SOLIS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. SOLIS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 10 one-minutes per side.

CONGRATULATING JAMES McDONOUGH, FLORIDA DRUG CONTROL DIRECTOR, FOR BEING NAMED A NATIONAL CHAMPION OF YOUTH

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate James McDonough, who is the director of the Florida Office of Drug Control, for being named a national champion of youth by the Youth Crime Watch of America. James has made incredible strides in protecting the dignity and the innocence of our youth in South Florida through several successful drug and alcohol prevention programs. Mr. McDonough's hard work and devotion have profoundly changed the lives of many of our young people. James has worked with Youth Crime Watch of America, which strives to create an environment free from crime and violence so that our children will be able to flourish.

Please join me in thanking James McDonough for his selfless dedication to the care of our community's children.

ON EXTENSION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

(Ms. SOLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I say good morning to our fellow Americans and

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